of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations and trainings to extension functionaries and farmers to promote the use of biopesticides, biocontrol agents and judicious and need-based use of chemical pesticides, supply of biocontrol agents and bio-pesticides, distribution of IPM literature, registration of eco-friendly pesticides like Imidacloprid for cotton seed treatment against sucking pests and to avoid initial spraying of pesticide for first 60-70 days, supply of plant protection chemicals on 50% subsidy and stringent steps to stop marketing of spurious pesticides in the market.

During 1999-2000, Rs. 3927.00 lakh has been allocated as Government of India's share for implementing the revised Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) for implementation in 15 major cotton growing States, including Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh. Under the Scheme, IPM trainings and demonstrations, distribution of plant protection equipments and setting up of Biocontrol Agents Laboratory are being undertaken besides other components.

Target for Annual Growth

†4121. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL,

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have fixed the target regarding the annual growth rate in the production of agricultural sector for the ensuring years;

(b) if so, the target thereof;

(c) whether the information pertaining to existing shortcomings prevalent in the agricultural sector has been collected in order to achieve the target;

(d) if so, what are the details of such shortcomings; and

(e) what steps are contempleted to be taken by Government to rectify the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARYANA RAO) : (a) and (b) Embedded in a fifteen year perspective, the Ninth Five Year Plan has projected growth rates in agricultural production as indicated below :

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Million Tonnes

S. No.	Item	Base Year production 1996-97	Projection for 2001/02		2011/12	
1.	Foodgrains	199.32	234.00	(3.26)	337.3	(3.57)
2.	Rice	81.31	99.00	(4.02)	128.16	(3.08)
3.	Wheat	69.27	83.00	(3.68)	130.45	(4.31)
4.	Coarse Cereals	34.27	35.50	(0.71)	48.93	(2.40)
5.	Pulses	14.46	16.50	(2.67)	29.76	(4.93)
6.	Oilseeds	24.96	30.00	(3.75)	58.56	(5.85)
7.	Sugarcane	277.25	336.00	(3.92)	679.64	(6.16)

(Figures within brackets indicate growth rates in percentage)

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Some of the shortcomings identified are given below :

1. Inadequate public investment in agriculture
2. Plateauing of productivity in high productivity regions.
3. Reduced availability of land due to urbanisation and industrialisation.
4. Soil degradation.
5. Inadequate availability of credit.

(e) Some of the steps contempleted to address the shortcomings are the following :—

1. Creation of Watershed develpoment Fund.
2. Promotion of Kisan Credit Card Scheme.
3. Capital Investment Subsidy for Cold Storages.
4. On farm Water Management Scheme for Eastern Region.
5. Technology Mission for Horticulture in North-East.
6. National Agricultural Insurance Scheme.